## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of, via a graphical user interface (GUI), annotating picture information for pictures in a picture database, said method comprising the steps of:

generating a user-friendly display with picture indicia;

in response to on-screen user input, identifying a plurality of pictures as belonging to a group; and

accepting metadata input on-screen by said user, said metadata characterizing said group of pictures.

- 2. The method in Claim 1, wherein said metadata comprises social information.
- 3. The method in Claim 2, wherein said social information comprises at least one event that said group of pictures records.
- 4. The method in Claim 2, wherein said social information comprises temporal aspects of said group of pictures with respect to capture.
- 5. The method in Claim 2, wherein said social information comprises capture location aspects of said group of pictures.
- 6. The method in Claim 2, wherein said social information comprises people who are recorded in said group of pictures.
- 7. The method in Claim 2, wherein said social information comprises objects that are recorded in said group of pictures.
- 8. The method in Claim 2, wherein said social information comprises user-provided comments.

- 9. A graphical user interface (GUI) adapted to annotate picture information for pictures in a picture database, said GUI comprising:
- a display generator adapted to generate a user-friendly display with picture indicia;
- a picture grouper adapted to, in response to on-screen user input, identify a plurality of pictures as belonging to a group; and
- a metadata receiver adapted to accept metadata input on-screen by said user, said metadata characterizing said group of pictures.
- 10. The GUI in Claim 1, wherein said metadata comprises social information.
- 11. The GUI in Claim 2, wherein said social information comprises at least one event that said group of pictures records.
- 12. The GUI in Claim 2, wherein said social information comprises temporal aspects of said group of pictures with respect to capture.
- 13. The GUI in Claim 2, wherein said social information comprises capture location aspects of said group of pictures.
- 14. The GUI in Claim 2, wherein said social information comprises people who are recorded in said group of pictures.
- 15. The GUI in Claim 2, wherein said social information comprises objects that are recorded in said group of pictures.
- 16. The GUI in Claim 2, wherein said social information comprises user-provided comments.